**World Bank aided health projects in Andhra Pradesh**

27. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank aided State Health Systems Development Projects (SHSDPs) are under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status with results achieved, so far, under SHSDPs in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Andhra Pradesh First Referral Health Systems Project was started on 1-3-95 with an outlay of Rs. 608 crores and completed by 30-6-2002. The major achievements are as followed :—

(i) The project has brought about substantial strengthening of institutional capacity at the First Referral Level.

(ii) A total of 159 hospitals have been renovated and upgraded compared to 150 originally planned under the project.

(iii) The total bed strength has been increased from 9651 to 14890 compared to 14000 originally planned under the project.

(iv) Annual number of in-patients have more than doubled from 0.59 million to 1.16 million as also out-patients visits from 9 million to 18.2 million from the start of the project in 1995 to December, 2001.

(v) The quality of services offered at upgraded facilities has also been enhanced through training of nearly 4500 doctors and nurses, recruitment of about 2900 doctors and para medical staff, provision of ambulance services and availability of larger number of essential drugs etc.

**Heart patients in the country**

28. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by the year 2020 India would have the highest number of heart patients in the world according to the World Health Organization; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps being taken by Government, in anticipation, to meet such an eventuality?